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Chapter 2
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I dream about my hometown a lot
There was an out-of-the-way old warehouse
And my young friends that I haven't met for a long time
BIRDIE'S GRAVE
PEKOE'S GRAVE
PUPPY GRAVE
KITTY'S GRAVE
BUT THIS IS OUR SECRET GAME—
SO WE CAN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT.
Taru-mi
Kayo-wara
Naka
ANYONE WOULD BE CURIOUS ABOUT THIS.
Although I never took part in their game
Why do I keep dreaming about it over and over again?
IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE A LIVING THING'S MOMENT OF DEATH, ISN'T IT?
WHAT SHOULD WE TRY TO KILL NEXT, THEN?
Byakuya Zaushi
BURIAL

And the reason I returned to my home-town
Where my memory was left behind
Byakuya Zaushi
-BURIAL-

HEY, I HEARD KAJIWARA WAS DONE IN BY THE WAREHOUSE GHOST...
KAZUMI!
KAZUMI... YOU ARE KAZUMI SHIRAISHI, RIGHT? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE COMING TOO
OH...
OTHER PEOPLE WERE SAYING IT WAS STRANGE HOW SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED TO ALL THREE AT THE SAME TIME...
THAT'S GOT TO BE A GHOST'S DOING...
WHISPER
STOP SAYING THAT KIND OF THING AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
WHISPER
WHISPER
TARUMI ALSO DIED DUE TO AN ILLNESS AND I HEARD NIOKA IS PRETTY MESSED UP NOWADAYS
THOSE GUYS PLAYED SOME PRETTY SICK GAMES AROUND THE WARE-HOUSE WHEN THEY WERE KIDS...
WHISPER

YOU ARE SUMIYOSHI, AREN'T YOU? IT HAS REALLY BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE SAW EACH OTHER
THAT'S SINCE YOU SUDDENLY CHANGED SCHOOLS WHEN WE WERE ELEMENTARY KIDS IT HAS BEEN TEN YEARS, HASN'T IT?
I WANTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE YOU LIVED.
WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT TODAY'S FUNERAL?
I HAPPENED TO RUN INTO KAJIWARA SOME TIME AGO...
OTHERWISE, I DON'T THINK I'D EVER KNOW ABOUT THE FUNERAL.
HEY, KAZUMI! YOU SHOULD ALSO COME WITH US AFTER SCHOOL!
DON'T TELL ANYONE, BUT WE'RE GOING TO THE WAREHOUSE LATER!
I heard Kajiwara was killed in a car accident
He was going towards the old warehouse when the breaks failed and the car crashed to the bottom of the valley
KAZUMI

At that time my nagging mother had already decided
tsk
WHAT A BORING GUY!
I wouldn't be going to the public school in the village instead, she wanted me to attend a private high school
The warehouse originally belonged to someone who was convalescing nearby!
It had been abandoned and completely fallen into ruin since no one was taking care of it.
OKAY... BUT...
WE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING FUN.
WE'RE GOING TO PLAY OUR SECRET GAME!
YEAH YEAH, MY MOM TOLD ME THAT NERD WENT TO TOWN FOR HIS CRAM SCHOOL AND STUDIES EVERYDAY HE'S WEIRD!
KAJIWARA~ WHY DID YOU INVITE THAT NERD SHIRAISHI?
I really did want to hang out with them!
But I was very happy when Kajiwara invited me.
There was no way I could have gone with them.

TUG
DID YOU SEE ANYONE BEHIND ME JUST NOW SUMIYOSHI?
DID YOU!
HUH?
NO, I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE
But I'm pretty sure someone was pulling my sleeve
I HEARD IT'S A CURSE!

THAT WAREHOUSE WAS A SHADY PLACE ANYWAY...
SOMETHING IS BOUND TO HAPPEN IF YOU GO NEAR THAT PLACE
ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO A GUY FROM SOME OTHER VILLAGE WENT INTO THE WAREHOUSE ON A SNOWY DAY...
IN ORDER TO KEEP OUT THE CHILL, HE TRIED TO USE THE SNOW TO COVER UP THE DOOR.
OH. I ALSO HEARD SOME STORY ABOUT IT...
IT WAS THEN HE HEARD SOMEONE KNOCKING AT THE WALL FROM THE NEXT ROOM.
I HEARD THAT PLACE WAS HAUNTED FROM LONG AGO
I BET THOSE GUYS WERE POSSESSED BY THE WAREHOUSE GHOST...
WHAT JERKS! SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
YOU GUYS SHOULD STOP TALKING ABOUT THAT!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED EVEN IF THEY WERE CURSED...?
WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO TO SAY THAT KIND OF THING NOW? IT CAN'T BE HELPED EVEN IF THOSE GUYS WERE CURSED FROM HANGING OUT THERE
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING SINCE IT HAPPENED AFTER YOU MOVED AWAY.

I HEARD THEY WERE KILLING ANIMALS LIKE CATS AND RABBITS
THE SCHOOL EVENTUALLY FOUND OUT AND IT CAUSED A BIG COMMOTION
WASN'T IT BECAUSE THEY GOT POSSESSED BY THE WAREHOUSE GHOST AND BECAME CRAZY?
Could it be what I saw in my dream...?
ONE MONTH AGO
Weekly Rental
DVD VHC
ARE YOU KAZUMI SHIRAISHI...?
YOU ONCE ATTENDED THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT FUKAZAWA VILLAGE?
HUH...?
AREN'T YOU KAJIWARA...?
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! SO YOU WORK HERE?
I LIVE NEARBY
WHY...?
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Membership
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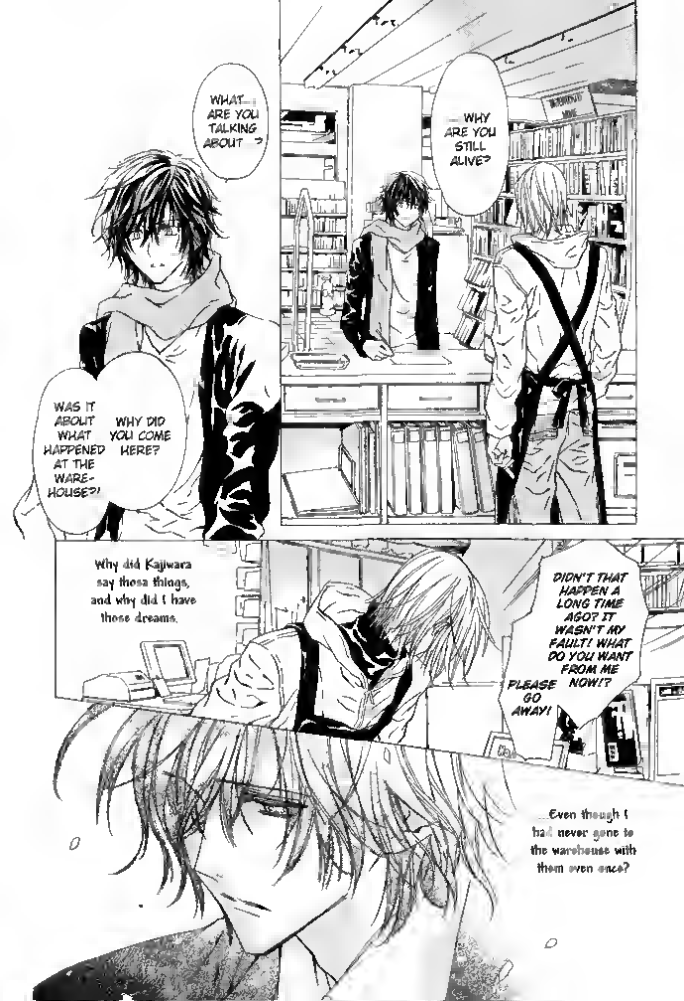

WHAT... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHY ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?
WAS IT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WARE-HOUSE?!
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
Why did Kajiwara say those things, and why did I have those dreams.
DIDN'T THAT HAPPEN A LONG TIME AGO? IT WASN'T MY FAULT! WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME NOW!?
PLEASE GO AWAY!
...Even though I had never gone to the warehouse with them even once?

ARE YOU HOME NIOKA? KAZUMI IS HERE—YOU REMEMBER KAZUMI SHIRAISHI?
HE WANTS TO SEE YOU
mutter
KAJIWARA IS FINALLY DEAD. IT'LL BE MY TURN NEXT...
mumble
WE WERE CURSED
HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE KAJIWARA'S ACCIDENT.
I'M NOT SURE IF HE'LL EVEN RECOGNIZE US...
mumble
...
CAN YOU TELL ME IF YOU, KAJIWARA AND ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS MADE SOME GRAVES BY THE WAREHOUSE WHEN WE WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?
SHOCK
...CAN YOU UNDERSTAND ME NIOKA?

BUT EVERYONE ALREADY KNOWS ABOUT THE KILLINGS DON'T THEY?!
EVERY KID DOES THAT, RIGHT? PLAYING PRANKS ON BUGS AND FROGS AND ALL...
YEAH... WE SACRIFICED SOME SMALL ANIMALS
BUT IT WASN'T OUR FAULT. IT JUST SORT OF ESCALATED TO KILLING BIGGER ANIMALS... IT WAS WHEN THAT GUY CAME!
THAT GUY CALLED TO US FROM INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE!
HE'S BEEN TUGGING MY SLEEVE ASKING ME TO GO TO HIM FROM THERE.
BOTH TARUMI AND KAJIWARA FELL FOR THAT TRICK AND NOW THEY'RE DEAD!
I'M NEVER GOING TO MAKE THAT MISTAKE! NEVER!
THAT GUY WANTS TO SEE OUR MOMENT OF DEATH...
AND THAT'S ALL HE WANTS... TO SEE PEOPLE DIE!

SINCE THOSE GUYS TALKED ABOUT THE WAREHOUSE ALL THE TIME... I WONDER WHAT WAS OVER THERE...
...SAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA, KAZUMI?
AND IT SEEMS KAJIWARA WAS ALSO TRYING TO GO TO THE WAREHOUSE RIGHT BEFORE THE ACCIDENT
BACK THEN, TARUMI ONCE WENT TO THE WAREHOUSE BY HIMSELF AND SUDDENLY FELL INTO A COMA...
...NIOKA HAS LOCKED HIMSELF UP SINCE TARUMI'S DEATH, YOU KNOW
IT SOUNDS LIKE BOTH TARUMI AND KAJIWARA WERE LED BY SOMETHING TOWARDS THE WAREHOUSE...
MAYBE IT WAS TRYING TO LURE ME, TOO...
WHAT?
BUT I WONDER IF I WAS BEING CALLED OUT AS WELL...
NOT REALLY... I'VE NEVER GONE TO THE WAREHOUSE WITH THOSE THREE SO I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT...

ARE YOU STUPID? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
BUT...
SHALL WE GO TO THE WAREHOUSE AND TAKE A LOOK?
I WONDER. HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S FROM AROUND HERE
HE'S PROBABLY HOMELESS
WHO IS THAT?
WE WILL DECIDE ON THAT NEXT...
WHAT? BUT THAT'S A PERSON!
HE'S NOT JUST A BUNNY OR CAT!
THAT'S RIGHT... BESIDES HE'S AN ADULT AND STRONGER THAN WE ARE RIGHT?

Someone was trying to tell me something through that dream...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING KAZUMI?
BRUSH
IT'S THE SAME AS WHAT I DREAMT...
DIG
DIG
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
SHOCK
...!
THOSE ARE BONES...?
STOP IT— YOU KNOW THE PETS WERE BURIED HERE!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE...?
I THINK IT'S COMING FROM INSIDE THE WARE-HOUSE, ISN'T IT?
SOMEONE'S KNOCKING ON THE WALL FROM INSIDE—

KAZUMI?
KITTY'S GRAVE
click
GIMME A BREAK ARE YOU KIDDING?
WHAT'S THIS?
DOO
CRUNCH
I'M GONNA OPEN THE DOOR.
I WANT TO SEE IF SOMEONE REALLY IS INSIDE

DAMN, I DROPPED IT
rustle
KICK
KICK
WAIT A SECOND... GET BACK HERE, KAZUMI!!
SLAM
KICK
WAIT...
gasp
beeep
beeep
...!
A Vow
We swear to keep our secret forever
Buddies,
Kajiwara
[redacted]
Naoka
Takumi
RUSTLE
WHAT IS THIS...?

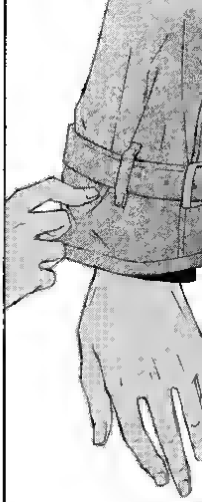
SUMI YOSHI
HELLO ...?!
WHO'S THIS?
NIOKA?!
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
THE WARE-HOUSE... I'M AT THE WARE-HOUSE
OH...SO YOU WERE BEING CALLED OVER THERE, TOO?
HE WAS KNOCKING ON THE WALL FROM INSIDE RIGHT?
...I KNOW BECAUSE WE WERE THE ONES WHO LOCKED HIM UP THERE...
?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
THAT GUY IS STILL INSIDE THERE
kick
kick

NIOKA, I TOTALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
CLICK
YOU KNOW THERE'S NO WAY WE WOULD DO THAT SORT OF THING RIGHT?
I'M TELLING YOU. IN THE END THAT GUY SAID "I WANT TO SEE A PERSON'S MOMENT OF DEATH."
WHEN WE WERE WITH HIM THAT FEELING JUST RUBBED OFF ON US
THAT GUY WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO ENJOYED THE KILLINGS
CRACK
WHAT?
YOU DO UNDERSTAND... SUMIYOSHI, DON'T YOU?
IT WAS ONLY WHEN THAT GUY JOINED US THAT WHAT WE DID CEASED TO BE SOME "CHILDREN'S PRANKS."
CREAK
...IN THE WAREHOUSE
SO WE LOCKED HIM UP ON THAT SNOWY DAY TEN YEARS AGO
CREAK
THAT'S RIGHT.
THE ONE WHO COLLAPSED IN THE WAREHOUSE BACK THEN...
THAT SNOWY DAY TEN YEARS AGO...IN THE WAREHOUSE... DON'T TELL ME...

TOGETHER WITH THE HOMELESS GUY WE LOCKED THAT GUY UP INSIDE
WE DID IT. WE SAW THE HOMELESS PERSON GO INTO THE WAREHOUSE
ha ha
WAIT
ha ha ha
REMEMBER HOW THAT BUM ENDED UP FREEZING TO DEATH?
I'M SURE THAT GUY WAS HAPPY ABOUT IT SINCE HE GOT TO SEE SOMEONE'S MOMENT OF DEATH
JUST WHO EXACTLY IS "THAT GUY"...?
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
THAT GUY IS STILL INSIDE THE WARE-HOUSE!
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
THAT GUY RIGHT
THE TEACHER SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL, BUT I KNEW THAT WAS A LIE
I COULD TELL FROM THE TEACHER'S EYES
THAT GUY "DIDN'T COME" TO SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY
CREAK

KA...
KAZUMI ...?!
SWOOSH

HE WAS STILL SO YOUNG. YET HE PASSED AWAY SO SUDDENLY...
I HEARD HE DIED ABRUPTLY AFTER HE CAME BACK FROM THE COUNTRY-SIDE...
KO ZU MI...
E... ZU MI...
I FEEL SORRY FOR THE MOTHER...
SHE SEEMS TO REALLY CARE FOR HER SON...
The small Kazumi inside the warehouse...



LET'S PLAY...?

The "thing" that had been locked up for ten years inside the warehouse by these three as a cruel game was,
a living spirit*
It's said that the one who meets his own living spirit will lose his life
*A SPIRIT OF A LIVING PERSON INSTEAD OF A DEAD ONE
EVEN KAZUMI HIMSELF DIDN'T REALIZE HIS DARK THOUGHTS WISHING FOR SOMEONE'S DEATH
NO ONE NOT EVEN KAJIWARA AND HIS FRIENDS KNEW THAT WAS ACTUALLY KAZUMI'S LIVING SPIRIT...
Did you feel your own moment of death— possibly the "best" experience you would ever get?
Or are you still inside the warehouse leading someone else to their death ?
Kazumi
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